

Minutes of Land Conservation Committee

Date of Meeting: June 3, 2013
Members Present: Dave Solin, William Bostwick, Glenn Remington, Holly Matucheski, Arlene Bonacci, Eugene Kamps
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Marie Graupner, Sally Hull, Janet Brehm, Duane Haakenson
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

The meeting was called to order by Solin at 3 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Bostwick made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Matucheski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business/Report of Events Attended:

Graupner attended NCLWCA on May 23 with Matucheski and Brehm. The staffing grant dollars will be put back into the state budget. The DNR secretary was present at the meeting to answer questions. The summer tour will be held August 23 in Oneida County.

Bostwick attended the Rollingstone Lake meeting.

Agency Reports:

Matt Peplinski met with the committee via conference call. Matt said the sign up for DCP is almost finished. CRP sign up is currently taking place. A new software system is in place. The building in Merrill where the FSA office was located has been sold and the new owners are upgrading. During the construction phase, FSA would like to move into a temporary location. NRCS will be moving to Rhinelander and FSA to Wausau. A representative will start coming to Antigo three days a week instead of the two days they now come.

RC&D Forestry Awards:

The write up for the award for George Lehrer is almost finished. Graupner is waiting on information from NTC to finish up on the other award. The meeting is July 17 in Oneida County.

Wisconsin Counties Magazine:

The Wisconsin Counties Magazine came out before the budget hearings.

Discussion on CIP:

Duane Haakenson updated the committee on the CIP plan for 2014 and 2015. The 1999 Suburban will not be replaced as planned as it is working fine. The money that was in the budget to replace the vehicle will be put towards doing aerial photography and updating the GIS system in 2015 and money will be set aside to replace the vehicle in 2018.

ATCP 50 Public Hearing Results:

Hearings were held for comments on ATCP 50. The final draft of ATCP 50 will be in July. It will be effective in 2014.

Invasive Inventory with Grant from Lumberjack RC&D:

The grant to inventory invasive plants along state and federal highways was received from Lumberjack RC&D. Chris Arrowood will start doing the inventory this week.

Project Updates:

SWRM projects are proceeding as planned. There will be \$7000 to roll over from 2012 as one farmer has declined. Projects to be completed include manure storage, milkhouse waste water, and animal lanes.

Department Update:

A department update was mailed out to the committee. Graupner is starting farmland preservation spot checks of farms. Brehm attended trainings and toured Price County waste storage facilities. NRCS is in the process of generating operating agreements.

Kamps asked about the recycling of ag plastics. Taylor County has a facility for this type of recycling. More information will be discussed next month at the Solid Waste meeting.

Bills:

Department bills were reviewed.

Upcoming Events:

Clean Boats Clean Water was held on May 30 in Antigo. Brehm will be attending a Wetlands Training in Forest County on June 11-12. TIP will be held in Antigo on June 18.

Next Meeting:

The next LCC meeting will be July 1 at 3 p.m.

Adjourn:

Bostwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Matucheski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull